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Food drive to benefit Waller county, local citizens

By Deondra Dockery
Panther Staff

Most people take for granted the material blessings they receive each day until something happens to their loved ones.

Those who are less fortunate, however, count their blessings while struggling to survive.

Dr. Ronald S. Briggs, an associate professor in the Social Work Department, has been inspired to help those in need while stressing the importance of community and campus involvement.

Many are unaware that Waller County is one of the poorest counties in Texas.

That probably explains why there is not steady

progress throughout the community.

The Division of Social Work, Behavioral, and Political Sciences in collaboration with a federal training grant is establishing a food locker for the families and individuals of Waller County and students on campus.

The grant is designed to prepare and train social work majors/minors to deal with domestic violence in the community.

Briggs said he was motivated to do this project because of childhood experiences. He also urges support from the community because

in the past organizations have been known for supporting national charities and fundraisers while the surround-

ing community is suffering greatly.

It is important that we remember those in our everyday surroundings and contribute a little time or effort to those in need.

Due to the tremendous amount of people in need the food locker is currently very scarce.

The holidays are coming up quickly and they are trying to replenish the food locker in order to help those in need.

On behalf of Dr. Briggs and the Division of Social See **FOOD** on Page 4

For ole' times sake

Honda Campus All-Stars shine at competition



Photo courtesy of Panther Archives

Four members of Prairie View A&M University's 1991 Honda Campus All-Star team compete for national recognition. This year's team will compete in Orlando, Florida against 87 other HBCUs.

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Actors strike against advertisers for compensation

By Tamela McGregor
Panther Staff

Imagine that you had a job and your boss appreciates your hard work, but refuses to pay you for what you thought you deserved for your work.

The Screen Actors Guild and the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists proclaim that that is exactly what has occurred in the commercial industry.

For six plus months, the longest strike in American acting history, continues its bitter negotiations between the unified front of SAG and AFTRA, Joint Policy Commission, and the Association of National Advertis-

ers.

As talks resumed on Oct. 19, it marked the fourth time both sides had negotiated since May 1.

Not since 1988, when writers and actors went on strike against advertisers for 22 and 18 weeks respectively, has Hollywood seen such a resistance from the acting industry.

The situation is complicated to say the least. The union wants to be compensated for how many times a commercial airs on broadcast television, cable, and the internet.

Advertisers contest that the union's de-



Photo courtesy of Screen Actors Guild

Supporters of all ages have joined the fight against advertisers.

mands would cause a 350 percent increase in commercial production. They cannot afford to pay actors on a "pay-per-play" instance because the television viewing audience has decreased.

Therefore, advertisers feel it is necessary to use a flat rate system in order to save the commercial industry.

However, an actor cannot appear in a competitor's commercial, especially if that actor's image becomes associated with a product.

Hence, the actor is usually unemployed and is not paid for the successful campaign of a product.

In fact, actors are paid less than 1 percent of the production cost for a commercial and 80 percent of actors make less than \$5000 a year.

Regardless of the strike, commercials continue to be seen and Procter and Gamble leads the advertising quest to cut actors from the profits of commercials by using non union actors or actors who are willing to work under their terms. Thus, the union has

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World

Ex-premier's son was security threat

Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan

Colin Thatcher, who is serving a life sentence for murder at the Edmonton prison, was considered a threat to the public.

Thatcher's parole officer Kristan Brodway said he was "highly manipulative and skilled at handling people."

Thatcher was convicted on Nov. 6, 1984 for the death of his wife, JoAnn Wilson.

Egyptians plot against buildings

Montreal

An Egyptian refugee, Tarek Khafidgy, had an Ottawa area man, Ayton Bondok, buy bomb-making material. Bondok testified because he feared for his life.

Khafidgy has been charged with possession of explosives with intentions to endanger lives, possession of counterfeit money and explosives. He has pleaded not guilty to all of the charges.

Khafidgy's main targets were the Israeli consulate in Montreal and the Israeli embassy in Ottawa.

FBI seeks to find killers in Uganda

Kampala, Uganda

FBI agents went to Uganda in search of Rwandan agents who murdered tourists while visiting the mountain gorillas.

Four Britons, two Americans, and four park rangers were killed in Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park.

U.S. culture foreign to North Koreans

Pyongyang, North Korea

In North Korea, American ways and products are not present. There are no McDonalds, Kentucky Fried Chickens, or even bottles of Coca-Cola.

A vast amount of American products and traditions have spread across other parts of Asia, but in the process, North Korea has been left out.

In its efforts to increase American expansion, Coca-Cola is on a menu in one of North Korea's finest hotels.

National

Teen-ager holds school hostage

Port Orange, Fla.

A Pioneer Elementary former student disrupted a classroom when he walked in with a 9mm handgun.

The student threatened to kill other students, but eventually allowed some to leave the room.

The student's name has not been released.

The suspect finally gave up after talking to a police SWAT team.

Ex-leaders sued for nuns' murders

West Palm Beach, Fla.

The former El Salvadorian Minister of Defense, Jose Guillermo Garcia, was questioned about the role he played in the brutal killing 20 years ago of four American churchwomen.

Garcia is being sued by the families of the churchwomen through the Torture Victim Protection Act.

Garcia admitted that he was aware of some abuses, but insisted that he did not take part in or know of any massacres.

Killer mom in news again

Columbia, S.C.

Susan Smith, the lady who drowned her two sons in a Union County Lake, is currently serving life at the Women's Correctional Institution.

Smith made allegations that she had been beaten while in the institution.

No evidence was found that she had been beaten. An investigator was later told by Smith that she had four sexual encounters with Lt. Houston Cagle while in the institution.

News in Spanish

Sacramento, Calif.

ABC news is now airing a spanish language version of the "World News Tonight" newscast in 33 markets.

The spanish versions are found on Secondary Audio Program channel, SAP.

The broadcaster made this possible due to the large Hispanic population in America.

Regional

Mother brutalizes 14-month child

Houston, Texas

Twenty-three-year-old Keisha Hughes was accused of intentionally abusing her daughter. The Houston Police Department issued a warrant for her arrest.

According to health officials, Hughe's daughter underwent several surgeries to repair scar tissue in her eyes and mouth.

Remarks drive commissioner to end

Austin, Texas

William Reyn Archer, Texas Health Commissioner, quit after being accused by a fired black employee who accused him of making racially carefree remarks to her.

Doctor Demetria Montgomery secretly recorded Archer in a February meeting making references to lynching and suggested she used her brain to get ahead, saying, "that's what white people do."

Aggie memorial planned a year later

College Station, Texas

A memorial service will be held at 2:42 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 18 to honor twelve Texas A&M University students who fell victim to the annual bonfire. The time is set exactly one year to the minute of the accident.

It will be held in the polo field where the bonfire collapsed.

Each individual's name will be called and a candle will be lit in their remembrance. The normal military firing of rifles will be canceled. Instead, a canon will be fired twelve times for each victim.

Mistrial request denied for case

Houston, Texas

The late wife of J. Howard Marshall II, Anna Nicole Smith, requested a mistrial due to her hand injury.

Judge Mike Wood made his decision after hearing from three doctors who treated or examined her.

The judge felt there was no need for a mistrial because he felt she exaggerated the extent of her injury to justify her absence for two-weeks.

Calendar of events

27 Friday

Pick up your copy of The Panther Lady Panthers vs. Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA, 7:30pm Costume Party, West Wing Alumni, Prairie View, TX, 9pm

28-29 Sat./Sun.

Panthers vs. Mississippi Valley State, Ita Bena, MS, 2pm Lady Panthers vs. Grambling State, Babydome, Prairie View, TX, 1pm & 3pm Phenomenal Woman Speaker Series, All-Faiths Chapel, Prairie View, TX, 7:30pm

30 Monday

Cross Country SWAC Championships, Prairie View, TX Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Celebration, Recital Hall, Prairie View, TX, all day

31 Tuesday

Lady Panthers vs. Lamar University, Beaumont, TX, 7pm SGA early voting, Babydome, Prairie View, TX, 8am-5pm PALS/ Student Activities Halloween Social, Student Park, Prairie View, TX, 6-9pm Panther Meeting, Drew Hall, Prairie View, TX - 5:30pm

1 Wednesday

Phyettes Educational Session, Harrington Science room 123, Prairie View, TX, 7-9pm Student Government General Meeting, Administration Auditorium, Prairie View, TX, 6:45-8:30pm What About Breast Cancer, Harrington Science room 121, Prairie View, TX, 7:20-9pm

2 Thursday

Lady Panthers vs. TSU, Babydome, Prairie View, TX, 7pm CAB movie night, Harrington Science room 121, Prairie View, TX, 7-10pm

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Academic, life decisions create confusion



By Sheleah Hughes Editor-in-Chief

This spring I will be classified as a senior. Although that particular word makes me smile, the thought of graduating and moving on gives me nightmares. I'm not worried about acquiring a job. I have a nice grade

point average, plenty of experience, honors and extracurricular activities to back up my academic status. My black power suit, welcoming smile and courteous attitude should grant me a job nearly anywhere. But that's the problem. I can not decide where or what anywhere is. Just last week I was researching various minors, or additional majors. This was not too my advantage. The fact that I am only 39 hours short of graduating does not help the situation either. Those are the only hours that I am lacking. Each and everyday I find something that I am ei-

ther interested in or good at. Of course this only confuses me more. Many students are faced with this same trial. At this young age we must decide what we are capable of doing for the rest of our lives. This decision comes without experienced very much of anything. We entered Prairie View around the age of 17- or 18- years old. The average freshman has very few life experiences. Sure, that senior trip to Cancun was fun and something you will never forget, but from this we are supposed to know what we want do the

rest of our lives? Most of our lives have been spent following directions from our parents, people who already have experienced life. I guess their guidance is supposed to guide us the right way. Right? We have picked a major thinking we know exactly what field we are interested in. This is not always the case. When you major in mechanical engineering, you'll be a mechanical engineer. Major in accounting, you'll more than likely be an accountant. Pre-med, doctor. Music, you'll be a musician. Major in communications and you can be a teacher, author, reporter, news anchor,

or go into public relations. Here I am four years later not knowing if this was exactly the right choice. Too bad this enlightened experience comes after five semesters of coursework. I love writing, and I am pretty good at it. But do I actually want to sit in front of a computer screen the rest of my life? I don't think I can write novels or be a news anchor. The only thing I know is that I'll never know exactly what I am good at until I try. That's exactly why I am now looking for an internship, a minor will just have to wait.

There are two sides to every story, no matter the situation False accusations, prejudgment inflict unnecessary pain



By Kalyn Bullock Managing Editor

Do you know and fully understand the definition of pain? According to Webster's dictionary, it is an unpleasant sensation occurring as a consequence of injury or disease. Another definition of pain is to be emotionally hurt, but no one can ever

fully understand or relate to your discomfort. For example, when you go to doctors, they can not immediately make a diagnosis if you have not told them your symptoms. But, certainly after describing the problems you have been having, they can almost immediately evaluate the problem, and know where to go from there. The story has been told about a little Hispanic boy who constantly acted up in class. And everyday the principal assigned certain disciplinary actions against the young boy. But, not once did anyone ever take the time to ask the little boy why he would act up in class. Administrators

just assumed he was a problem child who acted up for attention. One day it all came to the light. The little boy came out and said the reason he was so bad was because he had a bladder problem, and every night he would urinate in the bed. This young boy's logic behind his conduct was that he didn't want any of the other kids laughing at him because he had a foul smell. This example, not only illustrates the kind of pain that could have been brought on if the little boy did not act the way he did. But, because he acted up daily, he thought he was saving himself from emotional pain inflicted by the

other little kids. Often times, we find ourselves, talking about other people's situation but we are only aware of half the story. From the half that we know, we seem to immediately make judgment and not worry about the rest of the story. I was placed in a situation of this sort this semester. I won't go into detail but to make a long story short, I only looked at how I was being affected and disregarded anyone else's feelings. I was being the selfish person that we all can be at times. It's like a homeless person standing on the corner. I know for myself there have been times when I see them and I think to myself,

they look pretty healthy to me, they don't need my money. I shouldn't judge them in that manner. I don't know what trials or tribulations they might actually be going through. I can only see what's on the outside. They are the only ones who can fully understand and know what problems lie ahead for themselves. Everyone must learn the lesson that I have learned. Never prejudice people, always try to find out the full story about situations, because in the long run, you can bring pain to yourself or someone else.

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Honda Campus All-Star Challenge 2001 Prairie View to compete for share of grants

Special to the Panther

Prairie View A&M University will compete in the Honda Campus All-Star Challenge 2001, the award-winning "varsity sport of the mind" played at historically black colleges and universities. The Challenge is modeled after the Peabody and Emmy Award-winning College Bowl.

It features teams of four students and an alternate to compete in mind-challenging categories

such as biology, engineering, African-American history, African literature, Caribbean studies and other diverse categories.

Prairie View is recruiting 40 students to participate and compete along side 87 other HBCUs and predominantly black colleges of higher learning.

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Work, Behavioral and Political Sciences they want and need the support from the university as well as the community.

Donations can be made to Dr. Briggs in W. R. Banks Rm. 214 at your own convenience and they will be greatly appreciated.

Needed items are baby food, bottled water, diapers.

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demand a boycott of their products such as Tide, Crest, and Ivory soap.

The union has asked its members not to work for companies that have an interim agreement - a contract that represents the demands

This year's campus tournament is scheduled for Nov. 28-30 and will determine the varsity team. Each team will represent

the All-Star Challenge in 1990, Prairie View has been among the top teams in competition for grants. "This is the first leg of

one location with 320 students competing for their individual institutions.

Prairie View students Charles Smith, Cleveland Harris, Stacy Telton and May 2000 graduates Eric McNair, Amanih-Iman Louis represented the University in last year's challenge.

"It was an experience that can't be duplicated, I was privileged to meet and become friends with students from all over the country, that I still keep in touch with," Telton said.

Sponsored by the American Honda Motor Co., Inc., Campus All-Star Challenge is in part sanctioned by the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education.

Students interested in the Honda Campus All-Star Challenge can visit Anderson Hall, room 305, to pick up an application.



Prairie View students Stacy Pelton, Amanih-Iman Lewis, Eric McNair and Cleveland Harris compete in the 2000 Honda Campus All-Star Challenge in Orlando, Fla.

Photo courtesy of Stacy Pelton

sent the University in competition for a share of \$329,000 in monetary grants to upgrade campus facilities.

Sponsor Herb Thomas of Career Planning requests for all students, especially CSO and Pan-Hellenic organizations, to participate in the Challenge.

Since the inception of

of the union and includes the use of a commercial for a maximum of one year.

Despite the turmoil of the strike, it has received support from many fellow actors.

Forty-four soap opera stars from "As The World Turns" and "Guiding Light" sent an open letter to the President and CEO of Procter and Gamble to hopefully influence the company to negotiate a deal with the Joint Policy Commission.

The Strike fund has received support from the International Federation of Actors that includes Eddie Murphy, who recently donated \$100,000 towards the cause.

But so far, it seems that the actors are putting on the best performance of their lives by standing for what they believe in and demanding respect and compensation for their work.

CAREER FOCUS

PV graduate represents to the fullest

Former PVAMU graduate, Donna Glover, is a young graduate who has already made a mark in her life.

Glover, graduated in May 1998 after she received a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science.

She is currently working for Lucent Technologies based in Illinois.

At Lucent, Glover is a software developer who writes programs for telecommunications companies.

Although Glover is not physically on the campus, she has not forgotten about the importance of supporting her school.

She is currently the President of the Chicago Alumni Association and the NSBE Chicago Extension Alumni Treasurer.

Glover is currently working on her Master of Science in Management of Information Systems at DePaul University in Naperville, Ill.

The College Language Association

The College Language Association is having its creative writing contest and Margaret Walker Memorial Prizes in creative writing. The contest is open to any college students at a CLA college or university, including Prairie View. The three categories are as follows: Poetry category, Drama category, and Fiction category.

Up to \$2000 will be awarded in each category. Prizes will be announced and presented at the annual CLA Conference in April 2000 at Xavier and Dillard Universities.

Application deadline is Dec. 15, 2000. For more information contact Mrs. Jackson in Delco, room 108, or call (864) 503-5634.

PV student receives honor of Eagle Scout

By Felicia Walker
News Editor

Eagle Scouts exemplify hard work and strong character.

A member of Troop 102, Stewart has been actively involved in scouting for the past 12 years.



Photo courtesy of Charles Stewart

As a tribute to African-Americans who are constantly striving to raise a standard, Freshman Bradley Stewart recently earned a Boy Scout Eagle Scout Award, an honor bestowed on very few African-Americans.

The Boy Scout of America Eagle Award was presented to Stewart recognizing him for satisfactorily completing the requirements of Boy Scouts of America.

Freshman Bradley Stewart, from Texarkana, Texas, received the Boy Scout of America Eagle Award earlier this year.

Stewart is a graduate from Pleasant Grove High School in Texarkana, Texas and is the son of Reverend and Mrs. Charles E. Stewart.

Following tradition,

Currently an engineering major, Stewarts goals are to receive his undergraduate degree from the University and pursue a prominent career.

As an Eagle Scout, he is aware of the high expectations of him in his community, in his religious faith, family, and scouting.

His accomplishments, include cleaning and re-stripped the parking lot of his church as a final service project toward receiving this Eagle Award.

Going the extra mile

PV students attend Million Family March

By Aqueelah Anderson
Panther Staff

Five years after on the fifth anniversary of the Million Man March, another important march took place in support of the American family.

The Million Family March took place Oct. 16, 2000 in Washington, D.C.

There is not an accurate count of how many families were present in support of the Million Family March, but it is certain that part of the Prairie View A&M University family was there to show support for the African-American family.

"It's a part of history and I'm glad that I could be a part of it and it also made a difference in my life," senior Latrice Dickerson said. Organized by senior Jessie Muhammad and Student Activities and Leadership, 15 students charted a bus to the march.

A caravan of separate students also attended the march.

Louis Farrakhan, the Nation of Islam leader was

the keynote speaker, speaking on issues that concern the family such as social security, domestic violence, education and health care.

"We went to Washington seperated, but we came back as one family,"

Jessie Muhammad

Muhammad agrees that the march set an example of how our University can become unified.

March organizers said that there were at least 10,000 buses and several airplanes that were chartered to help families attend the march.

All the activities began on Oct. 11 with a three day symposium at Howard University.

The symposium dealt with issues like male-female relationships and empowerment of children.

The Million Family March was a march for all families no matter the race or values, but its main focus was the black family.

Classifieds

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Do you have any 20 questions? If so, turn them in to the Office of Student Publications in Drew Hall, Suite 23 or e-mail them to panther@pvamu.edu.

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Mass Immigration or Moderation?

Immigration can make — or break — a country. The key issue is numbers. The U.S. Census Bureau projects that U.S. population may double within fifty years — to more than half a billion — if the current unprecedented levels of immigration continue.

Long before then, such explosive growth will place serious strain on the environment, natural resources, and social harmony. For more information, contact the American Immigration Control Foundation on the net at www.cfw.com/~aicfndn

Of special interest to college students: Current immigration policies may keep you from getting good high-tech jobs after you graduate. Check out the site: <http://heather.cs.ucdavis.edu/itaa.html>

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How 'bout 'dem Cowboys



By Ryan McGinty
Sports Editor

The way the Cowboys are playing this season, there will be a lot of people with gray hair once the season is over. The Dallas Cowboys, which are known as America's team, have treated their fans with a topsy-turvy season that is very unpredictable.

For instance, last weekend the Cowboys defeated the Arizona Cardinals 48-7. The Cowboys looked unstoppable both on offense and defense. Throughout the entire game, they were scoring at will. For a while, they resembled the Cowboy teams of the 90s, which won several Super Bowls.

After last weekend's win, the Cowboys probably picked up a few fans who jumped ship the last few weeks. Why did they jump ship? Well, let me explain.

In week one, the boys were publicly humiliated by their division rival, the Philadelphia Eagles. The boys allowed the Eagles to have a 200-yard rusher that weekend and then to top it off, they lost quarterback Troy Aikman to a concussion and \$48 million investment, receiver Joey Galloway, for the season. The next weekend, they lost to the Cardinals (who they destroyed last week) and fueled a quarterback controversy when Randall Cunningham played like he was in his prime.

On Monday Night Football the following week, the Cowboys defeated the Super Bowl favorite Washington Redskins with ease. Again, Cunningham played well and the controversy ensued. Several days later, the hapless San Francisco 49ers blasted them. The team played horrible and the highlight of the game was the antics of 49ers receiver Terrell Owens.

In week five, the boys defeated Carolina in overtime and let the world know the team still had a pulse. Two weeks later, Aikman returned and embarrassed himself when he threw four interceptions in a loss to the Giants. What made the game memorable was when owner Jerry Jones, not head coach Dave Campo, proclaimed Aikman would remain the starter. Talk about who is the brains behind the operation.

See where I am coming from? This team will have you cheering one minute, cussing the next and back to cheering. Seasons like this are not good for the soul. What happened to the days when the Cowboys could put together a nice long win streak and calm the masses?

Glancing at the upcoming schedule, the road does not get any easier for our, excuse me, your beloved team. They play Jacksonville this weekend, and have games against powers such as Baltimore, Minnesota, Tampa Bay, Washington and Tennessee.

Do you honestly think the Cowboys can withstand games against these teams? It will make or break their season. Also included in the remaining part of their schedule is a game against the Cincinnati Bengals. Thank goodness for the Bengals, because the boys will need someone to take their frustrations on.

Wait a minute, the Bengals defeated the Denver Broncos last weekend and had a running back who set a single game NFL rushing record. And we all know the Cowboys are susceptible against the run, poor team.

It is going to be a long Christmas.

Women's football league debuts in Houston

By Will Joiner
Panther Staff

On any fall weekend in Texas, people flock to stadiums across the state. These people travel from city to city to satisfy their thirst. In the state of Texas that thirst is football.

Football can close down an entire city, it can bring diverse populations together, and even make people forget their problems. On Oct. 21, 2000, there was an important football game and a start of a new era. The rain had turned the field into a sloppy mess and the wind whistled through the stadium, but these factors made for ideal October football. Only one thing was very different—the players were females.

The large crowd featured females, the player's husbands and their children.

The Houston Energy of the Women's Professional Football League (WPFL), which is coached

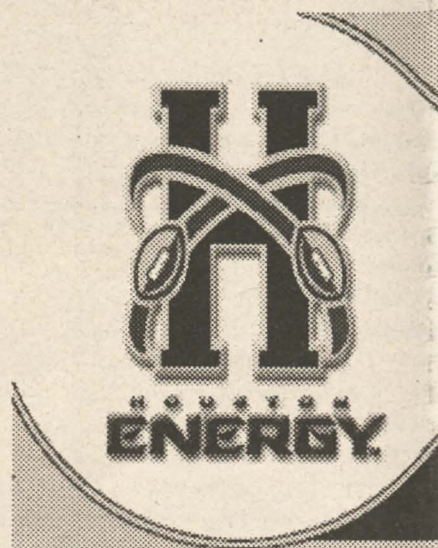
by former Oiler Haywood Jefferies, has surged into Houston. Their home is Dyer Stadium right off U.S. Highway 290.

The WPFL began in 1999 with a vision of Carter Turner for women to be able to play America's most popular sport.

Other teams participating in the league this season are the Minnesota Vixens, Oklahoma City Wildcats, Miami Fury, Daytona Beach Barracudas, New York Galaxy, New York Sharks, Austin Rage, Colorado Storm and the Tampa Tempest.

This year the league will go into divisional play concluding with a national title game.

Some of the Energy's players include 5-foot-6 inch, 170 pound full-back Monique Howard, 6-footer, 230 pound lineman



Latrish Chattman and 5-foot-11-inch, 320 pound lineman Susan Roberts.

These games feature plenty of offense and hard hitting action. It is not common for teams to score 50 points.

The Energy (2-0) defeated the Austin Rage 30-20 last weekend and face Colorado on Saturday. The Energy to Houston on Nov. 11th to face Austin.

College basketball season looms on the horizon

Teams look to talented freshmen to guide them to March Madness

By Marvin Anderson
Panther Staff

College basketball has suffered since several college players are departing early for the NBA draft.

These recent entries to "the next level," leave the college game lacking in top talent. This is what fans should expect this season:

10. Seton Hall - "The Hall" returns three starters, and had one of the best recruiting classes in the nation. They signed point guard Andre Barrett and forward Eddie Griffin—a Scottie Pippen clone. They will need these freshmen to step up in order to return to last year's Sweet 16 form.

9. Florida - The Gators lost two key players to the NBA, but return enough talent to return to the Championship game which they lost to Michigan State. The Gators will rely heavily on point guard Brett

Nelson, an extraordinary player who puts fans in the seats.

8. Illinois - The Fighting Illini have one of the nation's best frontcourts in Sergio McClain, Marcus Griffin, and Brian Cook. The Illini also have a solid backcourt in sharpshooter Corey Bradford, and jack of all trades Frank Williams.

7. Michigan State - The defending National Champs, lost three of its key players from last year, but return a solid supporting cast. Freshmen Marcus Taylor and Zach Randolph should keep the Spartans in championship contention.

6. North Carolina - The Tar Heels will give opposing teams fits inside where they have 6-foot-11 inch Kris Lang, 7-footer Brendan Haywood, and 7-foot-6 inch Neil Fingleton. The Heels also return super sophomore Joe Forte.

5. Tennessee - The Volun-

teers are extremely strong on the perimeter. They are led by senior point guard Tony Harris and junior swingman Vincent Yarbrough. The Vols are very experienced and hungry.

4. Kansas - The Jayhawks have a great mix of youth and veteran leaders. They will cause matchup problems with five players 6-foot-9 inches or taller.

3. Maryland - The Terps are loaded with a very explosive frontline, where they are lead by All-American forward Terrance Morris. They also bring in talented transfer Byron Mouton.

2. Duke - The Blue Devils are young and very talented. They have only three seniors and are poised to go all the way. The Blue Devils are very deep.

1. Arizona - The Wildcats are the most talented and experienced team in the nation. They have one of the best big men in Loren Woods and talented point guard Jason Gardner.

Cam'ron lets us know 'what means the world...' to him

Cam'ron entered his sophomore album like he has something to prove. That's mainly because, well...he does.

S.D.E. (Sports, Drugs And Entertainment) is dedicated to everyone who only remembers him from the 1998 hit "Horse & Carriage" and to those who only think of him as Mase's homeboy. Yes, this one is dedicated to the hard rocks.

To better accomplish this, Cam'ron picked up the moniker, Killer Cam. This is the name he used with his old group Children of the Corn which included the recently retired Murder Mase and the recently deceased Big L.

If there is any question as to whether his attitude is just talk, just listen to the first song "That's Me." In it he says, "Imagine me waking up 7:30 for work/ I'd rather run the streets 7:30 with work."

He deviates from this route only a few times, like on the recent single, "What Means the World to You?" On the retrospective

"Do It Again" featuring Destiny's Child, better known as Beyonce, he answers this question - would you live your life over again?

All in all, it's a good album. His conversational flow is still intact and his metaphors are still as ridiculous as before.

Yet, for all of you who still might not get it, you have to at least read the best line of the album, "I know looking at my jewels is scaring your brain/ not to mention Jada Pinkett is outside parking the

Range/ Ayo that's Will Smith's girl/ Naw she's part of my chain/part of my game/

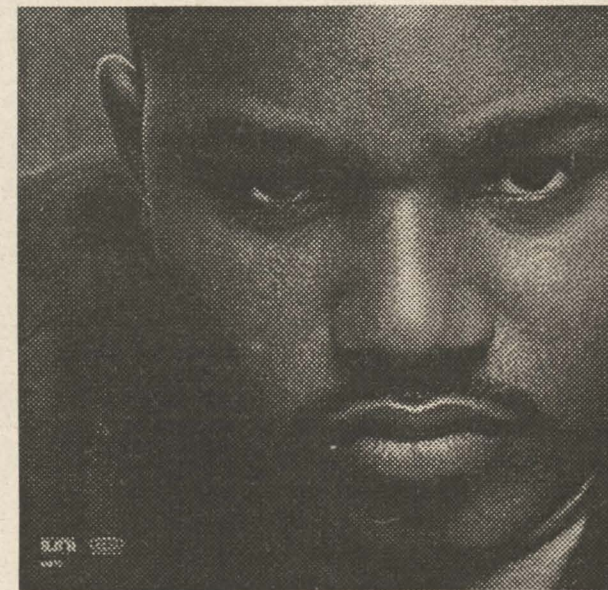


Photo courtesy of Epic Records

Epic Records recording artist Cam'ron releases sophomore album.

my car getting washed in the rain. What means the world to you?"

By Lee Vilman
Panther Staff

Ladies, we've got your man! SNL star makes the jump to the big screen

"I brought you some flowers. They look plastic, but they smell real."

Words of encouragement from the lady's man himself Tim Meadows.

There are at least 11 films including international films with the exact same title, but I am sure the films do not compare to Tim Meadows' performance in this movie.

Tim Meadows is in the same category as that of Chris Farley, Adam Sandler and the Wayans brothers with his wacky comedic performance in this film.

His new comedy features the recurring character Leon Phelps, portrayed by Meadows, on the NBC hit show "Saturday Night Live."

Meadows is attempting to make a jump to the big screen, following in the footsteps of many of his former cast members, Janeane Garofalo, Adam Sandler, Mike Meyers and Eddie Murphy.

The movie includes an all-star cast, including SNL cast member Will Farrel, Karen Parsons formerly of "The Fresh Prince Of Bel-Air," and Billy Dee Williams. The movie is from Paramount Pictures and was produced by Lorne Michaels.

The plot is really simple. Leon is a soulful seducer that is stuck in the 1970s. He

sports an afro and glorifies Pina Colada butt lotion and women. He is permanently plugged into Barry White and Marvin Gaye and is definitely not with us in the 21st century.

He enjoys butts, videotaped sex and often speaks of the inadequacies of certain men by referring to their "wank size."

Leon has a late night radio call-in program where he dispenses outrageous advice on sex and love. He goes out of his way to shock his callers and is eventually fired from his job for indecency.

There is also a group of "non-African-American men" chasing him for the seduction of their wives. According to the movie, Leon is considered the African-American sex machine.

Leon has trouble landing another job and is looking for love in all the wrong places.

This is a hilarious, wet pants comedic performance. It is full of surprises and tasteless humor. If you love shows like "Saturday Night Live" and "Madd TV," you will love this comedy.

Some of it was quite disgusting and might be offensive to some people, but I recommend this movie if you would love a great laugh!

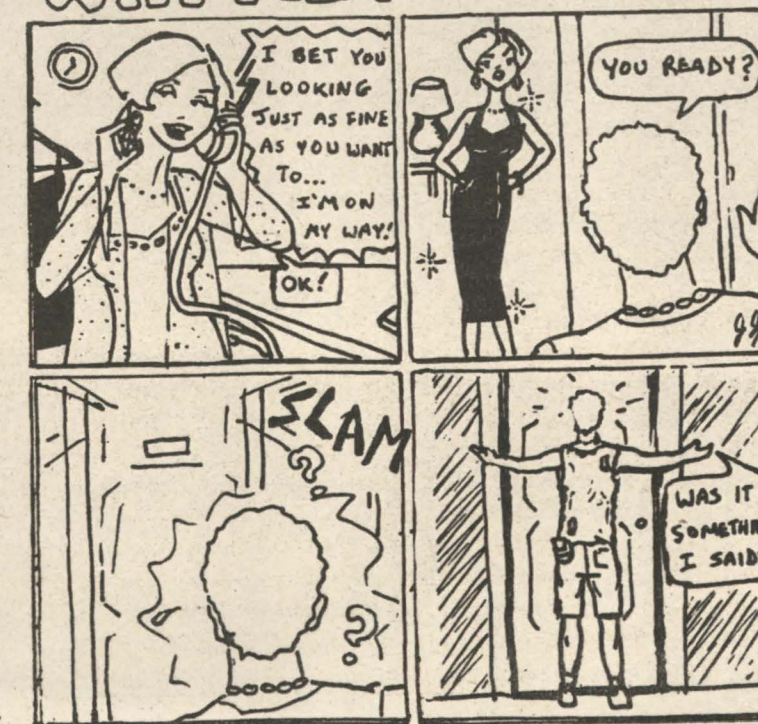
By Yauna Estes
Assignment Editor

20 Questions

1. Can you can imagine President Hines being hazed?
2. And would someone please tell him that hazing is anything that you are forced to do (i.e. Sunday's meeting)?
3. If you take an Oriental person and spin him around several times, does he become disoriented?
4. If love is blind, why is lingerie so popular?
5. Why do croutons come in air-tight packages? (It's just stale bread anyway.)
6. Why isn't the number eleven pronounced onety-one?
7. Why are a wise man and a wise guy opposites?
8. If Fed Ex and UPS were to merge, would they call it Fed Up?
9. Do Lipton Tea employees take coffee breaks?
10. What hair color do they put on the driver's licenses of bald men?
11. Why doesn't anyone ever say, "It's only a game!" when their team is winning?
12. If a person who plays the piano is called a pianist, why aren't racecar drivers called racists?
13. Why did everyone act stupid when the power went out last week?
14. Aren't we used to that happening yet?
15. How many of you are going to go see *Blair Witch II* tonight?
16. How many of you flunked your mid-terms because you were trying to recover from Homecoming?
17. Why do all of the Cash Money Millionaires' songs sound the same?
18. Why did the football team have to drive to Illinois?
19. Wouldn't a *Celebrity Basketball* game imply that celebrities (i.e. people we've heard of) will be coming?
20. What do you think?

We want to know what you think. Please submit any questions you may have to The Panther, Suite 23 Drew Hall. Questions are printed at the discretion of The Panther.

WHY ME? By: Jamaica Johnson



Commentary Remembering our purpose as a Panther

By Jocelyn Hudson
Panther Staff

university.

That leads me to believe that our university should market itself more, nationally.

Why? It is extremely sad that most people in the United States know of us as the SWAC school that almost never wins a game.

No one complements us on our accredited academic programs, and I take it to heart when I hear fellow Panthers and outside people talk about our football players.

And when the football team succeeds in winning a game, everyone rides the bandwagon!

To expand on that issue, people have to realize that if they want to see good things happen, it is going to take their collaboration to make them happen.

There is nothing worse than someone who is constantly giving negative remarks and does absolutely nothing to correct the situation!

We all need to honestly support our Panthers in whatever positive things they may do!

Homecoming truly centers around the football team as well, whether they win the game or not.

I think the Fall 2000 homecoming was just the beginning.

I really like the Panther paw prints that come down University Drive. I feel they added life to our school, and showed that we are proud to be Panthers in a strange way.

The idea of our mascot's prints being out on the ground as an entrance to Pantherland had a positive effect on me.

For the future homecomings, we should work even harder to make a lasting impression for spectators who come.

Perhaps we as the student body can implement closeness and authenticity like our predecessors once did!

Maybe we will realize that we must make what we can out of our associations and not let them make us.

All in all, we need to understand that as a Panther, we must uplift Pantherland.

Give the world something to talk about on a positive note. As Panthers, we all,

not just a few, need to work selflessly, we do produce productive people, you know?

One day I decided to take a look through some of Prairie View's yearbooks of the past and present.

I could tell by simply looking at the pictures that the faculty, staff and students seemed to be close to one another and were strongly involved in whatever they were a part of.

It seemed as though it didn't matter whether or not it was a hometown club, a Greek organization, or anything that involved scholarship and talent.

Better yet, they seemed proud of Prairie View A&M University, they appeared to be very proud just to be a Panther.

In the more recent yearbooks, I noticed that the tightness is just not there like it was, to me it is only half present.

Yes, a person is only obligated to participate in whatever they would like, but I thought people became a part of something because they had commonality with the purpose and they had a love for the ideals.

PV alumni gather together every fall for homecoming and they come back paying respect to what used to be their home paying tribute to their alma mater.

Seriously, when our Panthers come back to The Hill, what do they have to look back on?

I am sure they reflect on all the things that they did when they attended PV.

We also know they promote the well-being of Prairie View A&M University.

There is not too much safekeeping left here for them to see!

To make up for the alteration of our campus, we not only should make favorable impressions for the alumni, but most importantly for those who are yet to come—those who are curious and show great interest in our

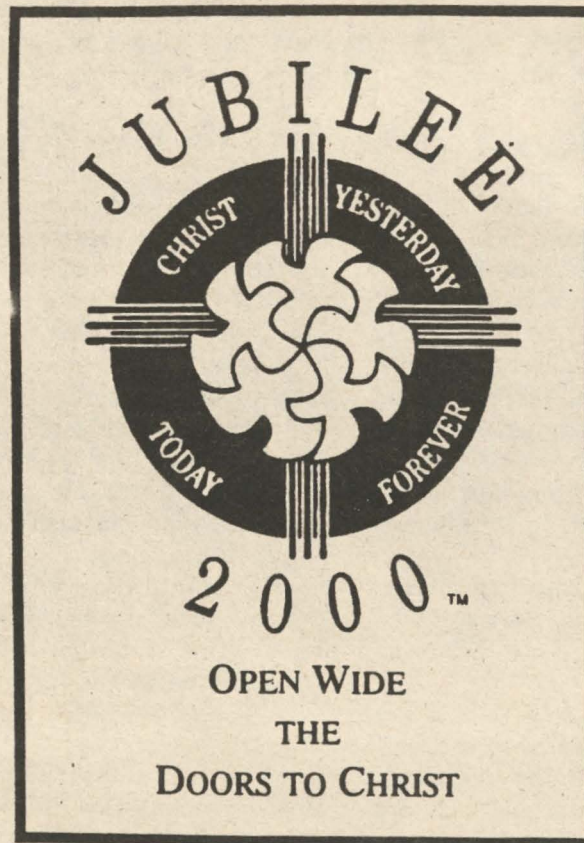
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Cordially invites you to our weekly celebration
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Fr. James M. Burkart-President

A Final Celebration!



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